



## CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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### Minutes of the 174<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Present:** Chris Roberts, Elise Daniell, Dennis Shorthouse, Gill Cawrse, Peter Hore, Dianne Shorthouse, John Worton, Yolanda Featherstone, David Stokes, Paul Murphy

#### **174.00**      **Chairman's welcome:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present.

#### **174.01**      **Apologies for absence:**

Nigel Nicholls, Steve Williamson, Nick Truscott

#### **174.02**      **Approve and sign minutes of the 173<sup>rd</sup> committee meeting:**

The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present.

Proposer: Gill Cawrse

Seconder: John Worton

#### **174.03**      **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

A) **Safeguarding** – Gill Cawrse agreed to take on the role of County Safeguarding Officer.

B) **Constitution** - Updates to the Constitution as proposed at the AGM agreed.

C) **Membership Secretary** – Following the resignation of Neil Gribble, Dianne Shorthouse agreed to process and send membership cards out to clubs. One person has contacted the committee with a view of taking on this role therefore they will be invited to the next meeting to be co-opted on the committee.

#### **174.04**      **Correspondence:**

Email from Karen Watson (Saltash SMBC) asking the committee if the ESMBA had responded to the recent letter sent regarding the rules surrounding England Squad selection. The committee confirmed that an official response is yet to have been received and therefore the ESMBA will be contacted again.

Email from David Millington-Jones (ESMBA Administration Officer) attaching the ESMBA's committee meeting report for July and September. David confirmed that it is the ESMBA's aim to issue a report detailing the main discussion points after each ESMBA committee meeting so that information reaches County Associations in a timely manner. The Committee Meeting minutes will then be forwarded once they have been approved by the ESMBA.

Email from David Millington-Jones (ESMBA Administration Officer) attached the ESMBA's committee meeting minutes for May.

Email from Brian Baker (ESMBA Coaching Director) advising that the ESMBA are in the process of relaunching their coaching scheme and are asking counties if they have any volunteers who would like to become coaches. The ESMBA feel that coaching by qualified bowlers is critical in the development of the game. The ESMBA's ideal is that any County with over 500 members would propose at least 2 members and counties below that number at least one. Anybody who is interested in this scheme should contact their County Secretary for further information.

Letter from Shirley Wakelin (Bocastle SMBC) asking for clarification regarding the County League and the rules surrounding registered players should a club have two team in the same league. The committee confirmed that those clubs with more than one team must register a minimum of 8 players per team in writing to their Area Representative. Those named players cannot then play in any other team within the same division or below

(Appendix 1 of the CCSMBA Rules and Conditions of Play). This is overseen by each Area Representative and should a team be found to have played an illegal player the Area Representative will administer the penalty as set out in Section 3.7 of Appendix 1. The lists of registered players have, in the past, been solely administered by the Area Representatives mainly due to the fact that registered players can be changed throughout the season but the committee agreed to trial making the lists available to members on the County Website once the information has been received from Area Representatives.

**174.05      Treasurer's report:**

No Report.

**174.06      Membership Secretary's report:**

No Report.

**174.07      Competition Secretary's report:**

The closing date for County Competition entries is the 30<sup>th</sup> September and the draws will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> October. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October the first Inter Area fixtures will take place at Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls club therefore I ask all Area Representatives to ensure that their teams are with me at least a week in advance so that the relevant paperwork can be prepared. As the Inter Area clashes with England Squad fixtures I will not be able to run the competition again and therefore will need a volunteer to do this.

John Worton agreed to run the Inter Area in Peter's absence.

**174.08      Team Manager's report:**

I have been handed the entry forms for next season's ICC Championships which I will complete for the Premier and A Teams. I have also received the entry form for this year's rinks competition and proposed that we enter one team into this competition.

**174.09      Social Secretary's report:**

With the season about to start, I would welcome donations to this year's raffle prizes which are run throughout the year and generate important revenue for the Association. With regards to the Presentation Meal there have been some concerns regarding the Carnmarth Hotel as it has recently been reported that the hotel is to be sold. I have contacted a local social club as an alternative venue but they will not be able to cater for the number of guests that we usually have in attendance.

It was agreed that the Carnmarth Hotel should be approached to confirm if they would be able to host the presentation lunch and to get a proposed menu. The social club should also be contacted to confirm what they are able to offer as catering so that the two can be discussed at the next meeting.

**174.10      Press & Promotion Officer's report:**

No Report.

**174.11      Area Representatives' report:**

**Central Area:** This year's winter league sees the Central Area start with 15 teams – 7 in the Premier Division and 8 in Division One. This is the same number of teams as last year even though we have lost Truro, Truro City Blacks and Treviscoe Whites as we have gained Treviscoe Blues and St Newlyn East. I would like to wish all clubs good luck for the forthcoming season especially St Agnes Gulls and Truro City Golds who both won promotion last year. Congratulations to the Nomads for winning this year's summer league – it was good to see more teams enter this year and it would appear that the format seems to work well for this event. A big thank you and congratulations go to Nigel Nicholls for all of his hard work over the last few years as County Team Manager and also good luck to Gillian Cawrse as she takes on the role from Nigel. Also a big thank you to the CCSMBA management team for their continuing commitment and hard work over the last year.

**East Area:** We recently held our pre-season meeting where all of the paperwork was handed out to clubs. We have gained one team this year which means there will be 9 teams in the Premier Division and 10 in Division One.

**North Area:** Due to the number of teams, it was agreed at a recent Area Meeting with the agreement of the CCSMBA committee to amalgamate both the Premier and Division One into one league for the coming season. This means that the second division will become redundant for the 2017/18 season and no trophy will be awarded for

the winners however the highest placed "Division Two" team will qualify for the league plate competition at the end of the season.

**West Area:** Several clubs in the West Area have been playing all summer but the serious stuff is about to start and we go into the new winter season with more players, more teams and more clubs than last year. We now have 13 teams in the Premier Division, 12 teams in the First Division and a massive 33 teams in our afternoon league. In total this will involve in excess of 300 competitive matches all overseen by our wonderful League Secretary Derek Murrish. Our Competition Secretary, Nigel Jelbart, is unavailable for the first Inter Area Match and so I will have to select the team myself for the first time. This is giving me some problems as I am still relatively new to the sport, but I am taking advice from those around me and with some luck we'll be able to put together a strong team and perform well on 1<sup>st</sup> October. It appears the West Area committee hasn't met during the year, other for AGM and Pre-AGM meetings, for quite some time, and whilst it must be said that everything has run very smoothly, I am hoping to have at least one business meeting during the season. At the top of my agenda will be the creation of a record book to record past, present and future area achievements along with a photographic archive. I think it's important to preserve the history of our clubs and members.

**174.12            Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):**

None.

**174.13            Any other business:**

**Updates to Information Pack:** As the position of Membership Secretary is now vacant, the updates to the County's Information Pack will be made by the County Secretary and will be forwarded to Club Secretaries as soon as possible. The Committee approved the draft copies however requested that the wording of one rule change be amended to avoid confusion. Therefore a second draft would be prepared for final approval before copies are sent to clubs.

**174.14            Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

**174.15            Close meeting:**

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

These are a true record and representation of the minutes taken at the above meeting.

**Signed..... (Chairman) Dated.....**

**Hon: Secretary:    Elise Daniell**

**Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017**